

Prior law divided the state into five districts for election of commissioners to the Public Service Commission as does new law which reconfigures the districts.

New law provides for election districts within an overall range of 7.26% of the new district ideal population of 906,674. New law maintains district 3 as a majority minority district.

New law provides that new law shall not reduce the term of office of any member of the PSC.

New law provides that each commissioner in office on the effective date of new law shall be the commissioner for the district having the same designation as the district from which the commissioner was elected and that each commissioner in office shall complete the term for which he was elected. Provides that a vacancy in the representation of any PSC district which is filled after the effective date of new law shall be filled as provided by law from the district where the vacancy occurs as it is designated and composed in new law.

New law specifies that precincts referenced in district descriptions are those precincts identified as Voting Districts (VTDs) in the 2010 Census Redistricting TIGER/Line Shapefiles for the state of La. Also specifies that if any such precinct has been subdivided by action of the parish governing authority on a nongeographic basis or subdivided by action of the parish governing authority on a geographic basis in accordance with existing law, the enumeration of the general precinct designation shall include all nongeographic and all geographic subdivisions thereof. Further provides that the territorial limits of the districts as enacted shall continue in effect without change regardless of any changes made to the precincts by the parish governing authority.

Effective for election purposes only for the regular elections in 2012; effective for all purposes on Jan. 1, 2013.

(Adds R.S. 45:1161.5; Repeals R.S. 45:1161.4)